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Case IDN/TMP 050896

The International Secretariat of OMCT/SOS-Torture requests your **urgent** intervention in the following situation in **East** Timor.

Brief description of the situation :
According to information received from reliable sources, grave concern exists for the physical and psychological integrity of **Nivio Sarmento**, aged 27, who was arrested on 23 July 1996 at 11.00 pm at his home in Dili, East Timor.

Nivio Sarmento was allegedly arrested by SGI (Special Intelligence Unit) forces and taken to SGI headquarters for interrogation. The information indicates that he is now being detained at Police Headquarters POLWIL in Comoro, Dili.

Apparently **Nivio Sarmento** was also arrested earlier this year in Jakarta, together with a group of East Timorese intending to enter a foreign embassy to seek political asylum. He was then forcibly returned to East Timor with orders to periodically report to the authorities.

According to the information received, the reason for **Nivio Sarmento's** recent arrest is unknown, but may be part of a systematic plan by the Indonesian military to arrest East Timorese youth opposed to the military occupation of East Timor. Following riots in Baucau on June 10 and 11 of this year, 165 East Timorese youths were arrested. The fate of all 165 detainees remains unknown (see Case IDN/TMP 250696).

In light of these recent events, it is feared that **Nivio Sarmento** may have been arbitrarily arrested and in danger of torture and ill-treatment.

Action requested :
Please write to the competent Indonesian authorities urging them to:

i. take the appropriate measures to guarantee the physical and psychological integrity of **Nivio Sarmento;**

ii. order his immediate release if he is being detained without valid legal charges or, if such charges exist, bring him before an impartial and competent civilian tribunal and ensure his procedural rights at all times;

iii. carry out an exhaustive and impartial enquiry into the events, identify those responsible, bring them to trial, and apply the penal, civil, and/or administrative sanctions provided by law;

iv. guarantee at all times full respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms according to national laws and international standards.

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Geneva 5 August, 1996.

Kindly inform us of any action undertaken quoting the exact case number of this appeal in your reply.